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SUBJECT: 183RD UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

¶1. Summary: UNESCO's newly reconstituted Executive Board for the 2009-2011 term met for a one-day meeting on November 23, where the principal business on the agenda was the election of a new Chairman and members of the Board's subsidiary committees and commissions. End summary.

¶2. UNESCO's 183rd Executive Board elected Eleonora MITROFANOVA (Russian Federation ambassador) as its new Chairman. 58 member states voting. No invalid ballots. 56 yes; 2 abstentions.

¶3. The following member states were elected as Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board by acclamation. (Clean slates were reached within each geographic group):

Group I - Germany  
Group II - Latvia  
Group III - Argentina  
Group IV - Japan  
Group V(a) - Cote d'Ivoire  
Group V(b) - Morocco

¶4. The Executive Board then elected the following committees and committee chairs:

Programme and External Relations Commission (PX)  
Chair: Ms. Shahnaz Wazir ALI (Pakistan)  
Plenary Commission - all states are members

Finance and Administrative Commission (FA)  
Chair: Ms. Alissandra CUMMINS (Barbados)  
Plenary Commission - all states are members

Special Committee (SP)  
Chair: Ms. Irene RABENORO (Madagascar)

Group I: Denmark, Greece, Monaco  
Group II: Poland, Russia, Uzbekistan  
Group III: Haiti, El Salvador, Grenada  
Group IV: Bangladesh, Japan, Vietnam  
Group V(a): Djibouti, Madagascar, Zimbabwe Group V(b): Algeria, Kuwait, Syria

Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)  
Chair: Mr. Maurizio SERRA (Italy)

Group I: France, Germany, Italy, Spain, USA  
Group II: Belorussia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia  
Group III: Chile, Cuba, Peru, St. Lucia, Venezuela Group IV: China, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea  
Group V(a): Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Niger, Senegal  
Group V(b): Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Egypt

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)  
Chair: Mr. Hany HELAL (Egypt)

Group I: Denmark, France, Greece, Italy  
Group II: Latvia, Russia, Slovakia  
Group III: Cuba, El Salvador, Peru, Venezuela  
Group IV: China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Pakistan  
Group V(a): Burkina Faso, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia

Group V(b): Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Morocco

FA Experts Group

Group I: Belgium, USA

Group II: Latvia, Russia

Group III: Chile

Group IV: India, Japan

Group V(a): Ghana, Tanzania

Group V(b): Algeria, Morocco

Note: The FA Experts Chairman will be selected at the Financial Experts Groups' first meeting

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